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FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS

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EMBASSY BIOGRAPHIC FILES CONTAIN ONE PERTINENT REPORT
ON DR. JUNG. IT IS EMBASSY LONDON'S A-82 OF JANUARY 18,
1971 WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: DR. ERNEST FRIEDRICH
JUNG "CAME TO LONDON IN MAY 1968 AS COUNSELLOR AT THE
GERMAN EMBASSY AND WAS PROMOTED TO MINISTER-COUNSELLOR
(NO. 3 MAN) LATER THAT YEAR. HE SPEAKS FRENCH AND
FAIRLY GOOD THOUGH ACCENTED ENGLISH. HE IS VERY HIGHLY
REGARDED AND POPULAR IN THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE AS WELL AS THE LONDON DIPLOMATIC CORPS. MRS.
JUNG DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH QUITE SO WELL AS HER HUSBAND
AND IS NOT AS OUTGOING OR AT EASE AT SOCIAL EVENTS.
THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN. SEVERAL EMBASSY OFFICERS
HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE BUSINESS AND SOCIAL CONTACT WITH
JUNG. WE HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE CANDID, FRIENDLY, WELL
INFORMED, AND DISCREET. OUR HIGH OPINION OF HIM IS
SHARED BY FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AS WELL AS BY VISITING AMERICAN FOREIGN
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SERVICE OFFICERS WHO KNEW HIM DURING THEIR TOURS IN

TOKYO AND BONN. WE CONSIDER HIM AN OUTSTANDING GERMAN
REPRESENTATIVE, AND WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE HIM
REACH TOP RANK IN THE GERMAN FOREIGN SERVICE. HE WILL
ARRIVE IN LAGOS IN FEBRUARY."

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